

**650—16.6(153) Transmission of prescriptions.** A prescription drug order may be transmitted to a pharmacy in written form, orally including telephone voice communication, or by electronic transmission in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and rules. A dentist shall take adequate measures to guard against the diversion of prescription drugs and controlled substances through prescription forgeries. The dentist may authorize an employee to transmit to the pharmacy a prescription drug order orally or by electronic transmission provided that the identity of the transmitting employee is included in the order.

**16.6(1) *Computer-to-computer transmission of a prescription.*** Prescription drug orders, excluding orders for controlled substances, may be communicated directly from a dentist's computer to a pharmacy's computer by electronic transmission.

*a.* Orders shall be sent only to the pharmacy of the patient's choice with no unauthorized intervening person or other entity controlling, screening, or otherwise manipulating the prescription drug order or having access to it.

*b.* The electronically transmitted order shall identify the dentist's telephone number for verbal confirmation, the time and date of transmission, and the pharmacy intended to receive the transmission as well as any other information required by federal or state law or rules.

*c.* Orders shall be transmitted only by the dentist or the dentist's employee and shall include the dentist's electronic signature.

*d.* The electronic transmission shall be deemed the original prescription drug order provided it meets the requirements of this rule.

**16.6(2) *Facsimile transmission of a prescription.*** A dentist may request that a pharmacist dispense noncontrolled and controlled drugs, excluding Schedule II controlled substances, pursuant to a prescription transmitted to the pharmacy by the dentist or the dentist's employee. A dentist shall maintain the original prescription, if printed, in the patient's record.